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Shock of Hope

Editorial by Jornal do Brasil (A-8) states: "Barack Obama's inauguration speech was an emphatic and direct message to Americans and to the world. It was a reaffirmation of hope...an announcement that he [Obama] is not there by chance, but for his merit and competence. An announcement that he is fully aware of the responsibility and magnitude of the challenges of his post... The thrilled winner from some months ago gave way to a skilled orator, capable of neutralizing the pomp of a symbolic occasion...More surprisingly: [Obama] admitted that the way the United States uses its energy resources 'strengthens adversaries and threatens our planet.' This is a high-impact confession... Foreign policy may see a significant change: instead of arrogance, 'tempering qualities of humility and restraint'... to convince especially the traumatized Muslim world... that the planet's biggest power seeks a new path, based on mutual interest and respect, both of which were lacking."

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